

Network News

Network of Religious Communities

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*Facilitating interreligious, ecumenical, and interracial cooperation among
judicatories, congregations, and religious organizations in Western New York and the Niagara Peninsula*

November/December 2001

“Search For Understanding” Theme of Annual Meeting

A *Search for Understanding* is the theme of the Annual Meeting of the Network of Religious Communities to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at the Prince of Peace Church of God in Christ, 669 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo (off Grider Street exit, Route 33), where the Rev. Jeff Carter is Pastor. The focus of the evening will be a Trialogue among Muslim, Jewish and Christian religious leaders in search of understanding in a time of conflict and uncertainty. The evening, which will begin with dinner, will include the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the Network.

Search For Understanding A Religious Trialogue

**Network of Religious Communities
Annual Meeting**

**November 27, 2001, 6:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace Church of God in Christ
669 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo
(off Grider Street exit, Route 33)**

The Search for Understanding Trialogue will feature Dr. Khalid Qazi, President of the American Muslim Council, Rabbi Ronie R. Herstik, Temple Beth Am, and Rt. Rev. Allen Farabee, Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral. They will address three questions: What are the core beliefs of your religion? What does your religion say about justice and peace? And, how does your religion relate to the political world? The Trialogue will be moderated by Sr. Denise Roche, President of D’Youville College. There will be ample time for questions from the assembly.

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A Report on Science and the Spiritual Quest

—by G. Stanford Bratton, Co-Executive Director, Network of Religious Communities

It was a remarkable event. Top scientists from around the world gathered at the Harvard Memorial Church in October for a three-day conference on *Science and the Spiritual Quest*. They came from many fields: mathematics, astronomy, physics, astrophysics, biology, neurology, and computer sciences and different religious traditions: Christian, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Naturalism. They joined in two kinds of dialogue: (1) a sharing of their lives as scientists as they attempt to personally integrate their work with their spiritual life; and (2) a sharing of their different religious traditions.

It was my good fortune to have had the opportunity to participate in this remarkable conference. I would like to briefly share with you some of my impressions.

First, while none attempted to use science as proof for God, they did see a convergence of the two domains. The scientists were troubled by the attempt to relegate science to matters of how and

the spiritual to matters of why. Each needs to be open to the other; science needs to be open to intuition and discernment as ways of knowing, and religion needs to be more open to the findings and insights of the sciences. Some called for a complete redefinition of science that is more inclusive of the spiritual while others warned of the increasing irrelevance of a religion which sees itself as the provider of answers to the unknown.

Second, there was, among the scientists present, a general sense of awe and wonder about the complexity, intricate design, and interdependence of the universe. Dr. Ramanath Cowsik presented a “*Reflection on Einstein’s Spirituality*” which he said included cosmic wonder and devout humility, and led to ethical behavior. Dr. Jane Goodall reported that chimps have a sense of wonder which, if they had a spoken language, might lead to a kind of religion. Dr. Trinh Xuan Thuan, an astronomer from the University

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Educational Series on Islam Announced

The Network of Religious Communities and the American Muslim Council are pleased to announce a joint educational series, "*The World of Islam*," which began November 12 and will continue the second Monday of each month (except December) through May 2002. Each session will take place from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The initial session, "*The History of Islam*," was held on Monday, November 12. The second session will focus on the "*Religion of Islam*," and will be held at the Islamic Society, 741 Heim Road, Getzville, New York. The remaining sessions will take place at different religious facilities throughout the Buffalo area.

Objectives of the program are to:

- Present accurate information about the history, beliefs, and religious practices of Islam.
- Allow the community at large to interact with and question those who practice the religion of Islam.
- Address and analyze issues relating to the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
- Analyze the relationship of Islam with other faith traditions and religions.
- Present a cultural atlas of Muslims.

The agenda for each session will include a formal presentation by the speaker and a response from the moderator, followed by questions from those attending the presentation. Following are the topics for the six sessions.

- Session I: November 12, 2001—*History of Islam*
- Session II: January 14, 2001—*The Religion of Islam I*
- Session III: February 11, 2002—*The Religion of Islam II*
- Session IV: March 11, 2002—*A Culture Atlas of Islam*
- Session V: April 8, 2002—*An Islamic Perspective of 9/11*
- Session VI: May 13, 2002—*Islam Among the World Religions*

For additional information, please call the Network of Religious Communities 716-882-4793.

RWIC Schedules Winter "Kick-Off"

Region-Wide Interreligious Conversation, sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities, will begin a winter session beginning with a "Kick-Off" at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, at St. Lawrence RC Church, 1520 East Delavan Avenue (near Eggert Road), Buffalo.

The "Conversation" brings together congregations of diverse religious and racial backgrounds to promote understanding and open dialogue about the past, present and future of the region in which we live. Our purpose is to develop an inclusive vision that crosses social, geographic, religious, racial and ethnic boundaries. This is accomplished by engaging congregations and religious organizations in small group structured discussion, and collaborating with existing efforts to foster understanding among urban, suburban and rural residents.

Each "Conversation" group consists of 8-12 people from two congregations. Urban congregations are paired with suburban or rural congregations. People of different religious traditions and races are paired when possible. Participants attend a "Kick-Off" followed by five 1-1/2 hour sessions and a "Celebration" event. A trained facilitator helps the group stay focused on the curriculum.

To join the "Conversation," please:

1. Contact the Reverend "Butch" Mazur at 716-882-4793 ext. 223 to express your interest;
2. Identify a Congregational Coordinator who will be your key contact person;
3. Enlist 4-6 participants; and
4. Plan to attend the "Kick-Off" on January 28, engage in the five-session dialogue and join in the Celebration that follows the completion of the Winter "Conversation."

19th Annual Intercultural/Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Planned

Join the Network of Religious Communities and the Western New York Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in a unique one-hour Thanksgiving Service that will bring our community together to give thanks for the support of family, friends and neighbors during these trying times and share gifts that each of our various traditions bring to us.

The 19th Annual Intercultural/Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place on Tuesday, November 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at Temple

Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue (at Barker Street). Free parking is available behind the Temple and at the Red Cross across the Street.

- No admission Charge
- Family and Friends Welcome
- Donations of Non-Perishable Food Requested
- Informal Reception and Refreshments immediately following the service



CWU to Celebrate Advent

A *Time For Joy, A Time For Reflection* is the theme of the 2001 Advent Celebration sponsored by Church Women United. The annual event will take place on Friday, December 7, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Kenmore United Methodist Church, Delaware and Landers Road, Kenmore. The Reverend Sarah Buxton-Smith will be the keynote speaker.

Items for "hygiene kits" for Journeys End Resettlement will be collected, including towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, brush/comb, feminine hygiene products, and shaving products for men. Diapers and "onesies" for "Bundles For Babies" will also be accepted. The program will include a collection for "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

SERRV and UNICEF items and books from Life Resources will be available for purchase.

Reservations may be made by calling the Church Women United office at 716-882-4793 by November 30. The cost is \$10 and includes a catered lunch; \$5 program only.

Resources Available for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2002 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place January 18-25. The theme is "*With You is the Fountain of Life*" (*Psalms 36:5-9*). The theme and text for each year's observance are chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches.

The 2002 Week of Prayer resource packet includes one copy each of six items: 2002 Week of Prayer resource booklet, poster, ecumenical celebration of the Word of God, worship bulletin cover, daily scripture and prayer guide and prayer card. The packet is available for \$9.00 plus shipping and handling.

A sample resource packet is available for viewing at the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo.

For further information, contact: WEEK OF PRAYER, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Route 9 • PO Box 300, Garrison NY 10524-0300.

Invitation to "Younger People" to Write Essay and/or Poem \$20,000 in Prizes to be Awarded

The Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and the St. John's School of Theology Seminary are honoring Father Kilian McDonnell, OSB, one of the premier ecumenists of our time, on his 80th birthday, with an invitation to younger people (born on or after January 25, 1959, the date on which Pope John XXIII publicly announced his intention to call the Second Vatican Council) to write an essay and/or a poem.

Contest Rules

Essay:

The essay should be written in English, between 1,500 and 3,000 words in length, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins (top, bottom, right, left), and printed on one side of the paper. A summary of the essay, 100 words or less, should be attached on a separate sheet at the front. The essay must fit into one of three categories: "*The Holy Spirit*," "*The Renewal of Theology*," or "*Ecumenism*."

Poem:

There should be some religious content. The poem should be in English, between a haiku and fifty lines in length, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins (top, bottom, right, left), and printed on one side of the paper.

All categories:

Pages should be numbered in the upper right corner, with the author's name beside the number on every page. Receipt of submissions (hard copy) will be acknowledged, but papers will not be returned, so the author should retain a copy. Postmark deadline is Friday, December 14, 2001. Each entrant may submit no more than one essay, one poem, or one essay and one poem. The decision of the judging panel for each category is final.

In each of the three essay categories, and in the poetry category, there will be a first prize of \$2,000, two second prizes of \$1,000 each, and two third prizes of \$500 each—a total of \$20,000 in prizes for twenty winners.

Entries should be mailed to: Kilian at Eighty, Post Office Box 6188, Collegeville, MN 56321-6188. An entry form may be downloaded at:

<http://www.iecr.org>

<http://www.csbsju.edu/sot>

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The bylaws of the Network of Religious Communities require that a meeting of the General Assembly be held in the fourth quarter of each year. The responsibilities of the General Assembly are to: elect a president, treasurer and trustees; elect from the full membership particular congregations and religious organizations to be represented on the Board of Governors; adopt an annual budget; approve amendments to the bylaws; and receive reports regarding the operation and finances of the Network. The meeting will be moderated by the President of the Network, the Reverend Jeff Carter.

Each member denomination, congregation and religious organization is entitled to name one delegate to the General Assembly. Denominations, congregations and religious organizations which are not members are invited to send observers. Individuals who are auxiliary members are encouraged to attend.

Congregations and religious organizations that are not currently members are encouraged to fill out the membership application included on page 7 of this newsletter or call the Network of Religious Communities 716-882-4793 for more information.

Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$7 per person—reservations required.

I Plan to Attend the Network Dinner and Annual Meeting

Member* & Visitor Reservation
Please Print Clearly

Congregation/Religious Organization:

Name of Member Congregation/Religious Organization _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Name of Voting Delegate: _____

Phone _____

Auxiliary Member/Visitor:

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Dinner Reservation:

If required, vegetarian & kosher dinners can be provided if requested in advance.

_____ **Total Number of Dinner Reservations Needed**

_____ Number of Kosher Dinners Required

_____ Number of Vegetarian Dinners Required

\$ _____ **Amount Enclosed (Total No. of Dinners x \$7)**

Return the completed form with payment to the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Av., Buffalo, NY 14209-2496..

* If you wish to become a member of the Network, please see page 7

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of Virginia, focused upon the non-separability of particles in quantum mechanics as an expression of the interdependence of all phenomena in the universe; that is, each individual part depends upon all the other parts. Similarly, several physicists pointed out that we are stardust and several biologists that we are deeply related in our common ancestry. Dr. Ursula Goodenough, a biologist, urged us to see ourselves as a part of creation.

Third, the centerpiece of the second day was telecast and focused on the question, "What does it mean to be human?" There were several consistent themes, the biofriendliness of the cosmos, the concept of emergence and the possibility of human freedom. Dr. Paul Davies, author of *God and the New Physics*, pointed out that life and mind are fundamental to the universe and asked, "Why is this?" Biological Anthropologist Dr. Terrence Deacon asked, "Do we move ourselves or are we moved by an unseen hand?" Against the commonly held notion of a "first cause," Deacon described an emergent world in which complexity, order and purpose emerge from within. In response, Biologist Rev. Canon Dr.

Arthur Peacock remarked, "God makes things make themselves." In this context, Neurologist Dr. William Newsome wrestled with the concept of human freedom, concluding that entities, including humans, capable of reacting with their environment and learning from the interaction, are constrained but not determined by their biology. Appropriately, Dr. Jane Goodall remarked, "Humans have the ability to crash planes into buildings or self sacrifice for others, both in the name of religion."

On September 11th the world witnessed acts of high-tech terrorism in which religion and science met in a marriage of death and destruction. Taking a lesson from those horrific events, the conference concluded with a call for a new alliance between science and the spiritual in the interest of peace. Perhaps this was best expressed by Dr. Bruno Guiderdoni, a leading astrophysicist and the Director of the Islamic Institute for Advanced Studies in Paris, when he said, "Scientists can help us to see the unity that underlies all Truth. By their very nature, both science and belief in God must be forces for wholeness and not for fragmentation."

Network Pantry Approaching Crisis Situation—Please Help!!

This holiday season, please remember those among us who will not have enough food to feed their families. The Network of Religious Communities Emergency Food Pantry has experienced an increase of more than 50 percent in the number of families requesting assistance over the past few months. Many families, finding themselves in situations beyond their control, have been forced to seek help for the first time.



Due to the increased demand for food, the Pantry needs help from congregations and individuals. The supply of food is not keeping up with the demand. The increase in demand has also placed a heavier work load on volunteers who currently serve. There are several ways you can help.

First, please consider organizing a food drive in your congregation during the holiday season to provide an opportunity for people to help those in our community who live in poverty. Some congregations also plan regular food drives throughout the year. Donations of food may be delivered to the Network of Religious Communities any weekday. Call 716-882-4793 to make arrangements.

Second, if you can spare four hours (or more) per month, please consider volunteering. The Pantry is located at the Network of

Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, and is open weekday mornings. Volunteers are needed each day from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Some people volunteer once a month; others commit to one morning each week. The schedule is arranged to accommodate the volunteer's availability. Responsibilities include greeting people and recording required

information, packing bags of food, and stocking/organizing shelves. Training is provided and new volunteers are teamed with experienced people. Every year, the Network honors volunteers at a special luncheon. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Pantry should call 716-882-4793.

Third, monetary donations provide the means for purchasing food as needed to provide a nutritious diet for families. Please send your gift to the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209-2496. Include a brief note indicating that you want your donation to be designated for the Food Pantry.

Any help you can provide, either by collecting food, volunteering, or making a monetary contribution, is greatly needed and will be deeply appreciated. Without additional help now, the Pantry may be forced to turn people away.

Thank You Volunteers!

Annual Network Food Pantry Volunteer Luncheon

December 5, 2001

1:00 p.m.

Network of Religious Communities

1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Network of Religious Communities Has Boiler Replaced

During our annual boiler inspection it was discovered that the base of our boiler had significantly deteriorated and that immediate action was required. Our choices were to replace the base of the existing boiler at a cost of nearly \$5,000.00 or install a new boiler.

The Trustees of the Network authorized an engineering study to determine the best course of action. The engineer recommended a redesign of the existing system and replacing the existing boiler with several modular boilers. The engineer

was then authorized to design a new system which included the new boilers.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, we have been able to move forward with the installation of a new heating system including three new modular boilers. While the grant did not cover the entire cost of the installation, it has enabled us to have a more efficient heating system which should last about thirty years. This is truly good news.

Calendar of Events

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

19th Annual Intercultural/Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo; sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities and the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ); for information call 716-882-4793.

November 27, 6:00 p.m.

A Search for Understanding—Dinner and Annual Meeting of the Network of Religious Communities at Prince of Peace Church of God in Christ, 669 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo (off Grider Street exit, Route 33); see page 1.

November 29, 4:30 p.m.

Feast of Faith at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1424 Maple Road, Amherst; sponsored by Interfaith Women; for information call 716-688-2071.

November 30, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Regional Commemoration of World AIDS Day at the HSBC Arena; sponsored by the AIDS Network and the AIDs Service Community of Western New York.

December 1, 4:30 p.m.

12th Annual World AIDS Day Mass at D'Youville College Chapel, 320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo; for people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends, as well as weary care providers and the bereaved; sponsored by AIDS Family Services; for information call 716-881-4612.

December 5, 1:00 p.m.

Annual Network Food Pantry Volunteers' Luncheon and Party at the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo; see page 5.

December 7, 9:30 a.m.

Advent Celebration at Kenmore United Methodist Church, 32 Landers Road, Kenmore (parking at Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church, chapel & Delaware Road); the Reverend Sarah Buxton-Smith, Keynote Speaker; sponsored by Church Women United; \$10 includes catered lunch, \$5 program only; for reservation call 716-882-4793 by November 30; see page 3.

January 14, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The Religion of Islam I at the Islamic Society, 741 Heim Road, Getzville; second of six sessions in the series, *The World of Islam*; for information call 716-882-4793; see page 2.

January 18-25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; this year's theme is "*With You is the Fountain of Life*" (*Psalm 36:5-9*); resources available from Graymoor Ecumenical & Religious Institute, Route 9, P. O. Box 300, Garrison, NY 10524-0300; see page 3.

January 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Region-Wide Interreligious Conversation Kick-Off at St. Lawrence RC Church, 1520 East Delavan Avenue, Buffalo; sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities; for information call Reverend "Butch" Mazur 716-882-4793 ext. 223; see page 2.

March 16

3rd Annual Faith and Hunger Conference, part of an initiative to establish a regional and statewide Faith and Hunger Network to eliminate hunger in our community and the world; sponsored by the Food For All Public Policy Committee; for information call 716-882-7705.

April 15 & 16

18th Annual Growth in Ministry Seminar; sponsored by Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Episcopal Community Services, Lutheran Service Society of New York, and Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center; speaker Dr. Roberta Gilbert, author of *Extraordinary Relationships* and *Connecting With Our Children*; for information call 716-631-9212.

April 18

22nd Annual Appreciation Dinner at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew; sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities; for information call 716-882-4793.

Become a Member of the Network

Membership in the Network of Religious Communities is open to denominations, congregations, and religious organizations in West-ern New York and the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario who subscribe to the mission statement and purposes of the Network and contribute toward its financial support. Each member is entitled to appoint one voting delegate to the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

The current member denominations are: AME Zion Church (Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany District); Baha'i Spiritual Assembly; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Northeast Region; Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Episcopal Diocese of WNY; Episcopal District AME Church; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Upstate NY Synod; Hindu Cultural Center and Temple; Islamic Community (observer status); Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo; Mennonite Church; Presbytery of WNY; Religious Society of Friends; Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo; Unitarian Universalist Association; United Church of Christ, Western Area of the NY Conference; and United Methodist Church, Buffalo District. A complete list of member congregations and religious organizations is available upon request.

Individuals are invited to join the Network as auxiliary members. An auxiliary member subscribes to the mission statement and purposes of the Network, supports the work of the Network, and contributes toward its financial support. Auxiliary members may attend the General Assembly as observers.

Mission Statement: Motivated by the sacred texts and traditions of our unique faith communities, the Network of Religious Communities, Inc., in recognizing a multiplicity of religious beliefs, respects the right to be and celebrate who we are within our particular religious traditions. Because our humanity is deeper than our division, we promote dialogue; facilitate the sharing of spiritual activities and resources; and work for justice and peace. The Network is not a religious community unto itself, rather a forum providing opportunities for cooperative ventures, the strengthening of our religious communities, and the betterment of the community as a whole.

The purposes of the Network are to: facilitate communication and increased understanding among the members and between the members and the wider community; foster cooperation within and between the faith communities to which the members belong; facilitate collaboration in areas of common concern and in response to needs in the wider community; and promote justice, peace and the common good (as expressed in the faith traditions of the members) in Western New York and the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario. Initiative shall be enabled at all levels of the Network. The core beliefs and integrity of all religious communities shall be respected in all policy statements issued and actions taken in the name of the Network.

Our congregation/religious organization would like to become a member of the Network.

- Our congregation would like to join the Network. We agree with the Mission and Purposes. Enclosed is our 1-year membership contribution of:
 - \$100 for congregations with 100 or more members.
 - \$50 for congregations with less than 100 members.
- Our religious organization would like to join the Network and we agree with the Mission and purposes.
 - Enclosed is our 1-year membership contribution of \$50.
- We have also enclosed a special gift of \$_____ to support the work of the Network.
- We would like more information. Please contact us.

Date _____
Congregation/Religious Organization _____
Address _____
Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-Mail _____
Contact person _____

Please send completed form to:
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1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209-2496

If you, your congregation, or your religious organization would like to join the Network, please complete the appropriate form and send to the Network office.

I would like to become an auxiliary member of the Network of Religious Communities.

- I would like to join the Network and I agree with the mission and purposes.
- Enclosed is my 1-year membership contribution of \$25.
- I have also enclosed a special gift of \$_____ to support the work of the Network.
- I would like more information. Please contact me.

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Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-Mail _____

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My name and address should appear as follows on the *Network News* mailing list:

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Organization _____

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